for that portion of the prepaid taxes which is attributable to the balance of the tax year from the date of acquisition.

(3) Upon further sale of the property for other than public purposes, the full amount of taxes applicable thereto shall be due from the date of purchase except as otherwise provided in this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved April 29, 1977.

## CHAPTER 244

(House Bill 187)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester and Somerset Gounty Counties - Dog and Cat Regulation

FOR the purpose of granting the Commissioners of <u>Dorchester and</u> Somerset <u>County Counties</u> the authority to pass certain ordinances containing dog and cat regulations and penalties for violating these regulations.

BY adding to

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 194(o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 194(c) be and it is hereby added to Article 56 — Licenses, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

## Article 56 - Licenses

194.

(O) IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR ANY POWERS GRANTED UNDER THIS SUBSTITUTE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DORCHESTER AND SOMERSET COUNTY COUNTIES MAY BY ORDINANCE PROVIDE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR THE REGULATION OF DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING LICENSING AND CONTROL. THESE REGULATIONS MAY INCLUDE PROVISION FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSAL OF